(b) No. Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (b) above.

Handing over of Assam Gas Cracker Project to Oil PSUS

3178. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had handed over the Assam Gas Cracker Project to Reliance Industries Limited in 1995;

(b) if so, the cost as well as the installed production capacity of this project alongwith the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to hand over the said project to Indian Oil Corporation, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation or Oil India Limited working in this field; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The Assam Industrial Development Corporation of Government of Assam is implementing the Assam Gas Cracker Project in a Joint Venture with Reliance Assam Petrochemicals Limited (RAPL)—a subsidiary of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL). Government of Assam had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with RIL on May 20,1994 to promote the gas based Assam Gas Cracker Project at an estimated cost of Rs. 3600 crore to produce the initial installed capacity of 2 lakh tonne per annum of ethylene.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

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